

Vintage Karting Association Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

June 14, 2009

Carl Weakly asked Dottie Thomas to take Roll Call,

Roll call was taken and in attendance were

Carl Weakly

Carl Billington

Brian and Dottie Thomas

Bob Lapke

Bill McCornack

Brad Fultz

Dean Kassaros

Jeff Campbell

Ernie Fisher

Absent were

Jeff Troy

Jack Murray

Al Klusman

Tom Thorin

Secretary Report

Carl Weakly asked if everybody received a copy of the minutes from last month, and if there are no objections they stand approved as read. Carl then asked Brian and Dottie if they had anything further to add. They did not, so we'll move on.

Treasurer Report

Opening balance as of 4/30/09 14156.13

Income

5/7/09	3 Membership checks	90.00
5/27/09	8 Membership checks	265.00
5/27/09	Springfield 50/50	190.00
	Total Income	545.00

Expense

5/6/09	Membership cards and postage	65.40
5/11/09	Website (May)	12.95
5/13/09	VKA-IKF class sponsorship	550.00
5/27/09	Insurance Coverage	650.00
	Total expense	1278.35

Balance as of 5/31/09 \$13422.78

Checking account balance 13422.78

Cash balance 0

Carl Weakly asked if there were any questions or comments, Then the treasurer report stands approved.

Membership

Brad stated that there were 216 paid members, out of 362. Carl W. then stated that we were down about 50 members. Brad wants to do another mailing- this time sending out membership cards with-out the date stickers. And if anyone wants to become a member all they need do is send in the dues and he will send out the date sticker at that time. Brad was asked where we gained or lost members ? Brad said he would have to say we lost in the east, and gained in Calif, Mich, and south of us in Georgia. Brad thanked Ernie Fisher for the things he says at the events, because it does help. Ernie then said that we have Leon Rippy on board with us, He'll be working the table with me as well as Richard and Jerry. There hoping to have a lot of people in the area, and generate something out of it. Carl W stated that Leon was really excited to be there with ya. Brad then stated that we have a lot of faithful , and good members and were approaching 400 members.

Bill M. says he mentions becoming a VKA member at all the events that he's involved with. Brad stated that at Springfield he was so busy taking care of his son, and his kart. (4 in all). Just keeping them running, that he didn't have a lot of time to promote memberships. Bottom line is to send out membership cards, without the date stickers. And as people become members a sticker will be sent to them. Both Carl Weakly and Brad Fultz will work on this, as time permits. Brad said it was all he had, and asked if anyone had any questions or comments. As there is none I'm signing off to get ready for New Castle Event. He was then told by all to have fun.

Magazine

Carl W. spoke with Jeff Troy, Magazine to come out soon.

Safety

Dean stated that he had a couple of things he wanted to bounce off the board.

1. Were getting a lot of new people entering these events, If your new, I would like to see them start at the back of the pack. Back in the old days if you were new. They put you at the back of the pack. He would like to incorporate that. He's looking for feed back on this.
2. Special neck braces, for the big dual sidwinder karts, for 2010 ? Go karts are very heavy, and if you flip one, somethings going to get broke. Dean was asked the cost. He said between \$200.00 and \$400.00. It was mentioned to have a couple of these new braces available at the track for people to try out before they buy one. Or before any thought of implamentation on this.
3. Carl W. stated that he would like to see rookie stripes for the guys just on the track for the first time or two. It was said that it is in the guidelines, to have them on the back of the helmets. It would be nice to enforce that.
4. No Texas starts, chopping. To be spoken about at New Castle event.

Website

Jeff Campbell said ,

Not a lot new, Just dealing with a lot of the standard hackers trying to gain access into the message board. Been pretty successful at blocking that. Got a list of hundreds of IP addresses that are blocked and can't gain access . That's all entered into the system now to prevent them from getting in now. We have been doing pretty good at getting photos up. There has not been much of a lag. We got a lot of stuff up from Bakersfield, traffics been really good on the site. Carl stated to Jeff it has been relatively calm then. Jeff said we had a few problems with the calendar listings. Ernie Fisher stated that Jerry with Kart Art is coming out to New Castle he believes, He is the one who posts a lot of stuff up on the site.

And I know that his wife has some serious health problems, and I know that he is pretty strapped as far as his expenses go . I would like to see people support him a little more.

Certification

Jack was not present at meeting.

Archivist

Carl W. spoke with Al Klusman, And he said he was going to get more active.

Executive Director

Bill mentioned that there was a alcohol fire at Bakersfield , a couple of guys were flushing out a motor and it caught fire . They were trying to pat it out and some guy came over with a chemical fire extinguisher and put it right out.

Both Ernie and Bill .M expressed the need to push for more fire extinguishers.

Dean K. also stated that this was at the top of his list for safety.

Bill M. said he would give some quick stats from Springfield Paul Booth claimed he had 57 entries, up from last year. It was sunny both days around 80 degrees. And then Bakersfield talking to Mike Hartman he said he had 60 Demo Race people, and with practices and show karts he had a total around 90. 90 degree temps all three days. Bill M. said he went to the Springfield event as a spectator on Saturdays main event. Looking at the safety aspect I don't like the way the flagman stays up in that tower 15 feet above the action. Communication is key. And when your up in the tower, its harder to communicate like when your at ground level, you can point and your right in front of them. Ernie spoke up and said that they put those towers up after he was hurt in 1981 at Medford. When I was trackside in 1981 at Medford, that's how I got all busted up. Ernie said he does not think the flagman should be in the middle of the track. If the flagman going to be up in the tower then he needs someone on the track he can communicate with to control the karts. Ernie said he would much rather be down at the track so he can get in your face.

Bill M. asked if everyone received the Promoters package he sent out, and what they thought. Carl W. stated he thought it was good. Bill said he really stressed the use of the black flag that's keeping control of your demo racers. Dean K. brought up the fact, that if the guys in the front want to run a fast pace, The next race they start at the back of the pack. Ernie says if they mess up on that grid and there not bringing that pack down then you put them in the back you make them pay a big price and then they will think about it.

Ernie said with the big field of sidewinders, you need to let them out and do 1-2 hot laps as they need to clean them out. And then they need to start grouping. And the guys that we have are smart enough and have been around enough where they cooperate with that. If they don't then we have to discipline them. For the most part I think I have less problem with the big fast karts than I do with the singles. They don't need to go that fast for a single.

The general consensus is that we need slower starting speed at the drop of the flag.

Keep a medium pace on that dual. Bill M. said that's about it for me, would like to recommend to Dean K. that new drivers or people back in the sport start at the back of the pack for at least the first 3 events. Dean said that he would incorporate that into his safety recommendations if we are all in agreement. Bill said that was it for him and he is signing off. I'll see most of you at New Castle.

Carl W. wanted to talk about a couple of issues, He said he is working with Jeff Troy on the magazine, were going to get something out here very shortly. I spoke to Jack Murray out at Bakersfield he's working on his certification thing. I ran into Al Klusman at Springfield he said he was going to get more active, Carl W. said we will see. We will see what he can do with the archives. That's the three that are missing tonight.

Carl W. wanted to spend a little bit of time and talk about his travels. I was at Lancing with Dean that was a great weekend, thank you for your hospitality Dean. It was a weather weekend half rain and half not. Dean said Sunday we came out pretty good though. We had more people on Sunday and it turned out to be a fun day.

Springfield was a great event they had good weather that weekend and like Bill said the kart count was up, and I think everybody was having a great time.

At Bakersfield it was really kind of fun getting out to California in the desert like that, the Bakersfield operation was run really tight by Mike and Ernie, and the others there. It was a neat track to see I had always heard about Bakersfield it was neat to see, a lot of people came up to me and it was very hospital. So a lot of people were very much in support of what were trying to get accomplished here. I saw a lot of nice equipment there . The one thing back at Bakersfield at least in my mind in looking at it was there was just a lot more older equipment. I can picture one guy he had an older kart with a west bend 580 on it. It ran really good, it was getting around the track really nice. But there was a lot of karts like that out there.

Leon Rippy, Does everyone know who Leon is? No (Dottie and Brian said). All right here's who Leon Rippy is. He is an actor his current thing is, he is a guardian angel on the series Saving Grace. The movie Patriot with Mel Gibson set in civil war days he was the crusty old guy that was hired in the militia if you see his face you'd know exactly who he is. I tell you the way he is in the movies, is the way he is in real life. He's almost like a John Wayne kind of guy. He's just a super guy, what you see is what you get. He doesn't want a lot of attention but he's willing to help the VKA anyway he can. Ernie spoke up and said he had a long conversation with him the other night, and he is going to Reno, Nevada with me. He's not much for the modern stuff, but his wife is as jacked up about vintage karts as he is. She's just a kick, and both of them want to give us as much as they can. Leon had as I understand it Bill Prior built a couple of karts for him. Bill P. built naturally beautiful 61 Fox for him with two Mac 40's on them. And Leon raced them in the early 60's as a twelve year old. And he's just a good a driver as he was back then. He just dropped right in there, and got into it now. Carol, Leon's wife she has a practically the first time on the track at Bakersfield she had a R1 100CC Mac. But a vintage Mac, Both were just impeccable as a matter a fact Carol's won the show for her class.

Anyway I've been busy over the last month going to events, and I've had a wonderful time, looking forward to it slowing down a little bit now. Going to one to two events a month for the rest of the season, it will be a little better for me from a vintage karting point of view just to be at home and get some other things done to.

Old Business

We now have D & O insurance which is Directors and Officers insurance. This protects the organization as well as the officers and any designated officers. The primary coverage is still with the event insurance. That the track offers.

At Bakersfield Tom Thorin gave a presentation about the VKA.

Carl W. said he was going to try to have a town hall type meeting at New Castle. Sort of a question and answer session. He also wants to have a VKA table at the entrance to the pits.

Carl then asked if there are any comments, questions or other matters to discuss. Since there are none. Well call the meeting closed at 7:52 P.M.